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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SUPPLY OF EXPENDABLES

**REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a Supplemental Notice of Allowability, which includes claim 28 in the list of allowed claims. The Examiner listed the allowed claims in item #2 on the Notice of Allowability as claims 23-26, 30 and 32, inadvertently omitting claim 28. The Detailed Action indicates that claim 28 is allowable.

Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request a Supplemental Notice of Allowability indicating the total number of allowed claims as 23-26, 28, 30 and 32.

**In addition, Applicants note that the Patent Term Adjustment should not be shortened by this request, because Applicants are addressing this matter as soon as reasonably practical.**

Respectfully submitted,

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